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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - UN CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT AND  
U.S.-JAPAN SUMMIT

11. LEAD STORIES: Most Tuesday morning dailies front-paged Prime Minister Hatoyama's departure yesterday for the U.S. for a series of summits with President Obama and other world leaders.

12. "High Expectations for U.S. Leadership" On the upcoming UN climate change conference in New York, the liberal Mainichi editorialized (9/22): "Success in preventing climate change depends on how much the U.S. and China, the world's two largest emitters of greenhouse gases, can reduce emissions, given that together they account for 40 percent of global emissions. In this regard, expectations for President Obama are high.... While it is uncertain whether the U.S. Senate will pass legislation on global warming, we would like President Obama to demonstrate his leadership."

13. "Revision of Election Pledges Needed to Uphold Alliance" The conservative Sankei argued in an editorial on the scheduled one-on-one meeting between Prime Minister Hatoyama and President Obama (9/22): "PM Hatoyama has stated clearly that the main purpose of the summit with President Obama is to build a relationship of trust. We would like him to uphold the bilateral alliance so that the U.S. and Japan can find common interests. Hatoyama's essay, which was published before his inauguration, was considered by some as 'anti-American.' The prime minister must not forget that the U.S. administration is attaching great importance to the upcoming summit.... PM Hatoyama needs to revise his election promises that run the risk of undermining the U.S.-Japan alliance."

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